

Genesis Study---Abraham dies, Isaac and Twins

Genesis 25-27

- 1. Abraham marries again** and has many children by _____. But, Abraham is careful to set Isaac apart as the child of _____. (5-6) Abraham also sent those sons away eastward from Isaac.
- 2. Then Abraham breathed his last and died:** Abraham passes from the scene, being one of the most important men of the Bible. He is mentioned _____ times in the New Testament alone. Only Moses is mentioned more times in the New Testament - _____ times. He is proposed and recommended as the _____ and _____ according to which the faith, obedience, and perseverance of the followers of the Messiah are to be formed.
- 3. Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren:** Even the son of promise does not come into the _____ easily. It only comes through _____. But the prayers of a husband for his wife have a _____.
- 4. Two nations are in your womb:** What God says is simple. She has twins within her. The twins will each father nations. One shall be greater, and the _____ will be greater than the older.
- 5. And the first came out red: Esau** refers to the _____ of the first-born child. **Jacob** refers to the way the second born was holding on to the heel of his brother. Additionally, the idea of a “heel-catcher” *meant* something in that day. It had the idea of _____.
- 6.** Paul points out God’s choice was not based on the _____ of Jacob or Esau. The choice was made when they were *not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil.* (Romans 9:10ff) *Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated,* Malachi 1:2-3. Hated? ”
- 7. Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man:** Like so many siblings in a family, Jacob and Esau were very _____ in their personality and tastes.
- 8. Sell me your birthright was of this day:** Jacob knew that the **birthright** was valuable and he wanted it. Passages like Deuteronomy 21:17 and 1 Chronicles 5:1-2 tell us the *birthright* involved both _____ and a _____ dynamic.. Jacob was guilty of scheming in _____ to gain something God said was already his. Yet we should remember the far greater blame is placed on Esau, who _____. Matthew 6:33
- 9. I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father:** The covenant God made with Abraham was not only unto Abraham, but unto all of his _____ also (Genesis 17:7-8). This fulfills a specific promise made in Genesis 17:19.

10. And he said, “She is my sister”; for he was afraid to say, **“She is my wife”**: Isaac went from such a high spiritual experience (Genesis 26:1-5) to such blatant sin because of the weakness of his _____, and also because of the _____ of his father.

11. He called the name of the well Esek: The first well was named _____ because it made others jealous. The next well was named _____ for similar reasons. But the third well was named _____ because it was far enough away to not be a problem.

12. So he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac’s servants dug a well. Isaac learned _____ from dad also.

13. We have found water: Abraham was a man of _____ and Jacob would be a man of _____. But Isaac was a man of _____, and he knew God’s constant provision.

14. Esau marries and grieves his parents. They were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah: Again, this shows Esau’s character as _____ and _____ (Hebrews 12:16).

15. Was Isaac’s family a Dysfunctional family? why/not? How soon does Isaac die after this?

16. Was Rebekah acting on God’s behalf when she instructed Jacob? Isn’t she being Pragmatic?

17. Why was Isaac trying to reverse God’s promise? Are God’s blessings “magical?”
(various answers)

18. I am Esau your firstborn: Because the Lord your God brought it to me: Jacob, the scoundrel, did not hesitate to bring in _____ as a party to his deception.

19. And blessed himMay God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth... Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you: Again, it is important to see it wasn’t the bestowal of these words upon Jacob that made him blessed. Instead, Jacob was blessed because _____ (Genesis 26:23). What mattered is that *God said the older shall serve the younger* (back in Genesis 25:23), not what _____ said!

20. Isaac trembled exceedingly. Why?

21. He took away my birthright: Why was he interested in it now? Took away? Tears of repentance? Hebrews 12:15-17

22. Then I will kill my brother Jacob.....Stay with him a few days: The **few days** Jacob was to stay with Laban and Rebekah’s family in Haran will turn out to be more than _____. Yet, God will fulfill His purpose in all of it. Rebekah successfully maneuvered Isaac into telling Jacob to leave. “Rebekah’s diplomatic victory was complete; but she would never _____.” (Kidner)